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Mr. Fred Wentland
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Office of Spectrum Management
United States Department of Commerce
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. Wentland,

The Department of Defense (DOD) has reviewed the HISPASAT petition (Reference: Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Proceeding: RM-11351 dated 24 February 2006) to the FCC and recommend NTIA object to the proposed regulatory change. Specifically, the Department is concerned with the proposed modification to allow 1.2 meter antennas to be introduced in the 13.75-14 GHz band. If adopted, this will increase the potential for Fixed Satellite Service (FSS) earth stations to interfere with military operations. The DOD is committed to the existing agreement of FSS 4.5 meter earth-stations and stands by to operate within the guidelines established to ensure successful co-existence.

The DOD appreciates your support on this most important matter and looks forward to further collaboration in the future.

Sincerely,

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Director, Spectrum Management

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